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What is claimed is:

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- 1. A flame retardant styrenic resin composition comprising:
 - (A) 70 to 99.5 parts by weight of a rubber-modified polystyrene resin; and
 - (B) 0.5 to 20 parts by weight of a ring-shaped alkyl phosphonic acid ester compound represented by the following formula (I):

- wherein R_1 and R_2 are independently of each other C_1 - C_4 alkyl and x is 0 or 1.
 - 2. The flame retardant styrenic resin composition as defined in claim 1, wherein said ring-shaped alkyl phosphonic acid ester compound (B) is methyl-bis (5-ethyl-2-methyl-1,3,2-dioxaphorinan-5yl) methyl methyl phosphonic acid ester P-oxide or methyl- bis(5-ethyl-2-methyl- 1,3,2-dioxaphorinan-5yl) phosphonic acid ester P, P'-dioxide
- 3. The flame retardant styrenic resin composition as defined in claim 1, further comprising less than 10 parts by weight of a polyphenylene ether (C).
 - 4. The flame retardant styrenic resin composition as defined in claim 3, wherein said polyphenylene ether (C) is poly(2,6-dimethyl-1,4-phenylene)ether.
- 25 5. The flame retardant styrenic resin composition as defined in claim 1, which

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further comprises up to 50 parts by weight of an additive selected from the group consisting of plasticizers, heat stabilizers, anti-oxidants, light stabilizers, compatibilizers, pigment, dye and/or inorganic filler per 100 parts by weight of rubber modified styrenic resin (A).

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- 6. The flame retardant styrenic resin composition as defined in claim 1, wherein said ring-shaped alkyl phosphonic acid ester compound (B) is 0.5 to 6 parts by weight.
- 7. The flame retardant styrenic resin composition as defined in claim 1, wherein said ring-shaped alkyl phosphonic acid ester compound (B) is 0.5 to 2 parts by weight.